

May 8, 2022
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Hymn: Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord (Tune Darwal #18)
Invocation

#112

The Law of Christ: 1 Thess. 5:15-22

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Blessed Holy Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, how sweet is your grace and your words of forgiveness to us – sweet because we are in such great need of continual forgiveness. We have sinned often in thoughts, words and deeds. We have been called to be conformed to the image of your Son, but there have been times this past week where we did not reflect the glorious purity of Jesus. We are your temple and your Spirit resides in us, but yet so often we pursue again and again the demands of our hearts. We are grateful for the forgiveness we have in Christ and ask you, Holy Spirit, continue your work of transformation in us. Turn our hearts from self to Christ, grant that we would love you with all our heart soul, strength, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. May we love as you have loved us. This we pray in the name of the One who loved us with an everlasting love, Jesus Christ, your incarnate Son. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Congregation: **We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: We Are God's People

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 2, Article 1

p849

Song: Romans 11:36

For from him and through him
And to him are all things.
To him be glory evermore
To him be glory evermore

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 23

Pew Bible p828

Psalter: Ps 25:1-7&10

Lord I Lift My soul to Thee

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Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,"

and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon: The Glory Departs Ezk 10

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

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Cup: Under the Blood of Jesus

Under the blood of Jesus
Safe in the Shepherd's fold
Under the blood of Jesus
Safe while the ages roll
Safe though worlds may crumble
Safe though the stars grow dim
Under the blood of Je – sus
I am secure in Him.

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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